APSA & the Protection of Plant Varieties
Asia & Pacific Seed Association

- 512 members from 44 countries worldwide
- Private and Public sectors; National Seed Associations; Government agencies
- Associate members from those outside Asia Pacific region

- Objectives: improve the production of quality seeds and facilitate international trade by providing an effective venue for exchanges valuable information on seed knowledge, issues and policies.
APSA Membership

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- (c) Public and Private Seed Enterprises: 70%
- (d) Associate Members: 20%
- (e) Honorary Life Members: 1%
- (a) Seed Associations: 5%
- (b) Government Agencies: 5%
APSA on PVP

To achieve:

UNIFORM, COST-EFFECTIVE AND RELIABLE plant variety protection system in the region
APSA on PVP

Standing Committee on Intellectual Property Rights
Constraints in placing better mechanisms on Plant Variety Protection

1. Too much politics in many countries
2. Fear of big foreign companies dominating the industry
3. Lack of plant breeding activities
4. Lack of financial support
The region needs to:

1. Double the efforts in spreading relevant information about PVP
2. Encourage exchange of experience and expertise
3. Provide more opportunities for countries to sit down and work on harmonizing their PVP systems
Striking a balance

BREEDER’S RIGHTS

FARMER’S RIGHTS

APSA endorses 1991 ACT of UPOV Convention
APSA is against “any farmer’s privilege” that exceeds the provision in the 1991 UPOV act, namely:

As compulsory exception of the Breeder’s Right on acts done privately and for non-commercial purposes, therefore, allowing farm saved seed produced by subsistence farmers.

As an optional exception, within reasonable limits and subject to safeguarding of the legitimate interests of the breeder, to permit farmers to use for propagation purposes, on their own holdings, the product of the harvest which they have obtained by planting on their own holdings, of the protected variety.
APSA Seminars and Workshops on PVP and ITPGR in collaboration with UPOV and FAO
Asian Seed Congress 2011
Pattaya, Thailand
14-18 November

Workshop on IPR & Plant Genetic Resources
14 November 2011
Pattaya Convention & Exhibition Center

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